

PATENT APPLICATION
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q83911

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Appln. No.: 10/711,971

Group Art Unit: 2825

Confirmation No.: 5970

Examiner: Thuan V. Do

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For: METHOD, SYSTEM, AND COMPUTER PROGRAM PRODUCT FOR AUTOMATIC
INSETION AND CORRECTNESS VERIFICATION OF LEVEL SHIFTERS IN
INTERGRATED CIRCUITS WITH MULTIPLE VOLTAGE DOMAINS

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This responds to the Restriction Requirement, dated June 6, 2006. In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicant elects Group 1, claims 1-36 for examination. This election is made with traverse.

The Examiner's thoughtful reconsideration of this Restriction Requirement is respectfully requested.

Applicant respectfully points out that the Examiner could examine claims 37-41 with the same searching strategy that will need to be employed to search claims 1-36. To explain, Applicant notes that the first group of claims (1-36) specifies methods and software products generally for the automatic insertion and correctness verification of level shifters in integrated circuits with multiple voltage domains. The second group of claims (37-41) specifies a computer system for substantially the same purpose. Since the methods and software products in the first group are computer implemented, the additional consideration required, to examine claims

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drawn to a computer system, is very slight. This, coupled with the quite large financial commitment required of Applicant to become involved with having to file a divisional application, should be thought of by the Examiner in the process of giving careful reflection and reconsideration to the restriction requirement.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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